

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1069

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Christina Puza-Smith on her selection as one of the Tennessee Science Teachers Association's 2021 Science Educators of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Christina Puza-Smith is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Puza-Smith has been selected as one of the Tennessee Science Teachers Association's 2021 Science Educators of the Year; the award recognizes leadership roles in promoting science and outstanding contributions to science education; and

WHEREAS, Christina Puza-Smith, who joined the faculty at Wilson Central High School in 2020, teaches biology and ecology to grades nine through twelve; before becoming a teacher, she worked for ten years in the aerospace industry, and she was the first female engine mechanic in the Marines; and

WHEREAS, a gifted teacher, Christina Puza-Smith is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Puza-Smith serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Christina Puza-Smith truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Christina Puza-Smith on being chosen as one of the Tennessee Science Teachers Association's 2021 Science Educators of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.